



Regents' Recap

Starting in January 2008, students at the University of Alaska will be able to begin earning credits toward a four-year degree in Yup'ik language and culture at the Kuskokwim campus in Bethel.

"In Yup'ik, the program is called Yupiit Nakmiin Qaneryaraat Piciryaraat-Ilu," Oscar Alexie, assistant professor of Yup'ik at the Bethel campus, said Dec. 6, 2007 at the UA Board of Regents' meeting in Anchorage. "That means 'the very own language and culture of the Yup'ik people'."

The board, which met for two days on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus, approved the four-year program. The program will include two-year programs in Yup'ik language and culture at the Bethel campus.

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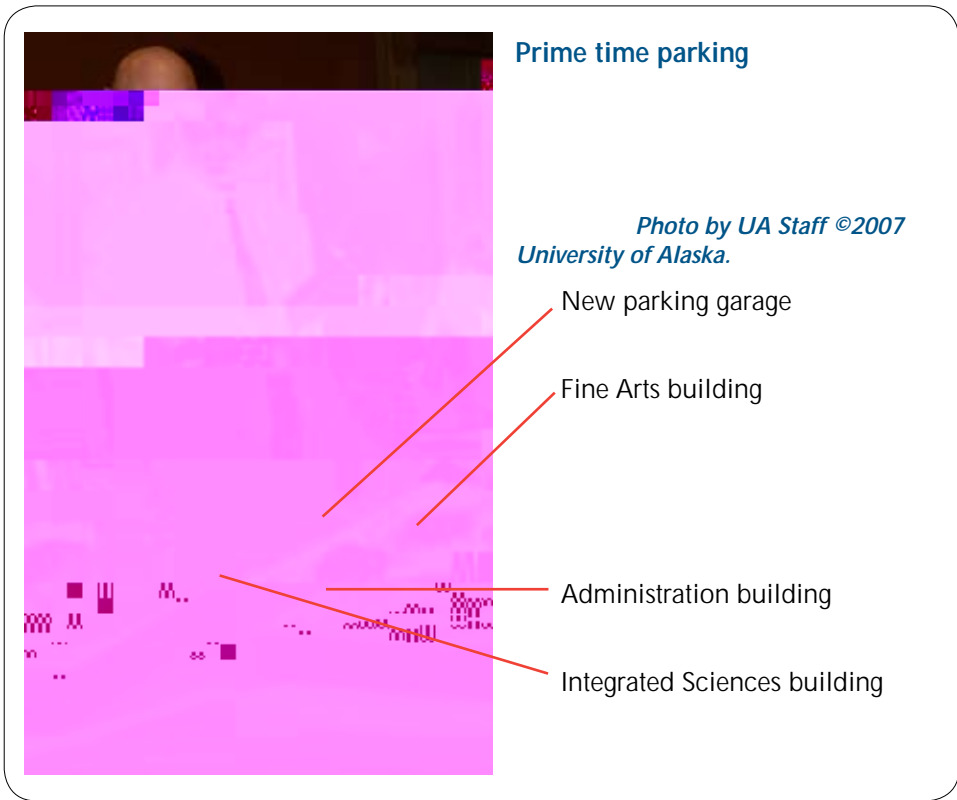
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needed for the Integrated Sciences building currently under construction. The project already has \$3.5 million in hand; the additional \$13.5

revenue bond sale with debt service paid by parking fees. A loop road would be constructed as part of the

tional \$630,000 required for UAF's Wood Center food court renovation, due to increased costs related to construction.

sale, which would include the UAA parking garage and loop road as well as numerous other projects previously approved and reported.

Cooperative Extension review update
The board also heard an update on the status of an external review of UAF's Cooperative Extension Service. A plan for further action is expected to come to the board in February,

information about the report, go to <http://www.alaska.edu/uaf/ces/csrees/UAFDebriefFINAL.pdf>.

In other business, board members heard a positive report from KPMG,

year. Board members also attended a luncheon with UA alumni from across the system and a reception hosted by UAA Chancellor Fran Ulmer.

Board officers selected
Board members also elected to carry

coming year. Board Chair Mary K. Hughes of Anchorage will continue for another term; Cynthia Henry of Fairbanks will continue as vice chair; Michael Snowden of Sitka will continue as secretary; and Carl Marrs of Anchorage will continue as treasurer.

Future Board Meetings

Kuskokwim Campus already has two Yup'ik language faculty members who actively teach. However, the classes haven't been packaged into a four-year program in the past. Doing so will allow students who have

two-year program the option to continue on with their studies.

Alexie and Henrichs spoke in favor of the program, as did Patrick Marlow, an assistant professor of linguistics at UAF's Alaska Native Language Center and the School of Education.



The Fairbanks campus offers four-year degrees in Inupiaq and Yup'ik, but those programs are more focused on grammar, translation and literacy rather than the full immersion program Bethel will offer, which emphasizes speaking the language as well as learning the culture. UAF also

programs on Native language education with an emphasis in Inupiaq, Athabascan or Central Yup'ik.

UAS The University of Alaska Southeast, headquartered in Juneau, offers courses in Tlingit and Haida language as part of a minor in Alaska Native

degree in the language itself. UAS also works with local high schools to provide Tlingit language instruction with the hope that students will pursue Tlingit courses later in college.

At the University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Native language courses offer students instruction in Central and Siberian Yup'ik, Tlingit, Inupiaq, and Haida-Eyak. Students may take these courses as part of a minor in Alaska Native studies, to meet general education requirements or for their personal interest, but a bachelor's degree is not available.



The board also tackled numerous other items of business, including:

\$17 million parking garage at UAA,